

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2455–S2518*

**Measures Introduced:** Eight bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2293–2300, and S. Res. 424–426. **Page S2496**

**Measures Passed:**

**Alliance to Save Energy 35th Anniversary:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 406, commending the achievements and recognizing the importance of the Alliance to Save Energy on the 35th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2517**

**National Adopt a Library Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 425, designating April 23, 2012, as “National Adopt a Library Day”. **Page S2517**

**Congratulating Baylor University Women’s Basketball Team:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 426, congratulating the Lady Bears of Baylor University on winning the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women’s Basketball Championship. **Pages S2517–18**

**Measures Considered:**

**Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1925, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994. **Pages S2457–62**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2012, and that following the remarks of the two Leaders, the next hour be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes. **Page S2518**

**21st Century Postal Service Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, and to S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act be at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2012; and that the cloture votes with respect to Reid (for Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 2000, and to S. 1789, 21st Century Postal Service Act occur at 2:15 p.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2012. **Page S2518**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Charles Benton, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Christie Pearson Brandau, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2016.

Norberto Jesus Castro, of Arizona, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2016.

William B. Shultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services.

A routine list in the Foreign Service. **Page S2518**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2518.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### APPROPRIATIONS: UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the United States Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, and Susan Spear, Acting Director, Budget, both of the United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Patrick J. O'Reilly, Director, Missile Defense Agency, Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on a review of the recent Inspector General management deficiency report and an assessment of the fiscal year 2013 General Services Administration funding request, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, and Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, both of the General Services Administration.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine financial management and business transformation at the Department of Defense, focusing on challenges in attaining audit readiness and improving business processes and systems, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Joseph W. Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army and Chief Management Officer, Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller, Robert O. Work, Under Secretary of the Navy, Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, David Tillotson III, Deputy Chief Management Officer of

the Air Force, and Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

### NATIONAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY LABORATORIES

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the National Security Administration management of its National Security Laboratories, after receiving testimony from Charles F. McMillan, Laboratory Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Paul J. Hommert, President and Director, Sandia National Laboratories, and Penrose C. Albright, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, all of the National Nuclear Security Administration, and Charles V. Shank, and C. Kumar N. Patel, both a Co-Chairman, National Research Council Committee on Review of the Quality of the Management and of the Science and Engineering Research at the National Security Laboratories, all of the Department of Energy.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee began consideration of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2013, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

### PROTECTING COMMUTERS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine protecting commuters, focusing on ensuring accountability and oversight in tolling, after receiving testimony from Bill Baroni, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Deputy Executive Director, New York; Eugene A. Conti, Jr., North Carolina Department of Transportation Secretary, Raleigh, on behalf of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials; Steve Grabell, NFI, Vineland, New Jersey, on behalf of the American Trucking Associations; and Chris Plaushin, AAA, Washington, DC.

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, after receiving testimony from Brian D. Miller, Inspector General, and Daniel Tangherlini, Acting Administrator, both of the General Services Administration.